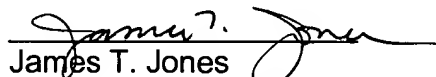


Specifically, the amendment reflects that Application No. 09/131,019, the parent of this application, is abandoned. The exact wording change is indicated on the sheet captioned "VERSION MARKED UP TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" that is appended hereto.

No fee is thought to be due for this submission. If, however, the Commissioner determines that any fee is due, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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The first paragraph immediately following the title has been amended as follows:

- -This is a continuation of Application No. 09/131,01, now abandoned, which was filed on August 7, 1998, and which claimed priority under 35 USC 119(e) to US Provisional Application No. 60/055,221, file August 11, 1997.- -